

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005, Claims 7-11 were objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, applicant has rewritten Claim 7 in independent form by incorporating original Claim 7 into Claim 1, from which original Claim 7 depended. Claim 7 has been canceled. Claim 8, which originally depended from Claim 7, has been amended to depend from Claim 1. Since Claims 2-6 and 8-15 all ultimately depend from allowable generic Claim 1, they are allowable for at least the same reasons why Claim 1 is allowable. Claims 16-49 have been canceled.

Based on the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the present application including Claims 1-6 and 8-15 is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner should have any questions, he is invited to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

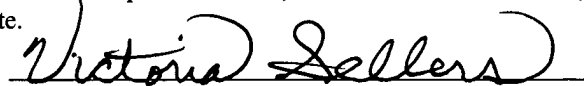
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